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SUBJECT: 1976 CHINESE STEEL PRODUCTION

REF: STATE 23305, PEKING 268, PEKING 273

1. A COMMENTARY IN THE PRC-CONTROLLED HONG KONG NEW EVENING POST (FEB. 15) ON "GANG OF FOUR" DISRUPTIONS IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY QUOTED AN AFP REPORT FROM PEKING DATED JAN. 28 THAT PUT CHINA'S 1976 STEEL OUTPUT AT 21 MMT. THE ARTICLE ALSO REPLAYED AFP'S STEEL OUTPUT FIGURES OF 25 MMT FOR BOTH 1975 AND 1973 AND 24 MMT FOR 1974. CARRYING THE "GANG" DISRUPTION THEME FURTHER, THE COMMENTARY SPECULATED THAT IF THE "GANG" HAD BEEN UNCHECKED FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, STEEL PRODUCTION MIGHT HAVE DROPPED BELOW 20 MMT IN 1976.

2. ON THE SAME SUBJECT, A FEB. 12 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE BY THE MINISTRY OF METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY ALSO QUOTES THE "GANG'S BLACK HANDS IN THE MINISTRY" AS SAYING
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"IT IS A SMALL MATTER IF STEEL PRODUCTION DROPS BY A FEW MILLION TONS."

3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE CONTEXT WHETHER USE OF THE 21 MMT FIGURE CONSTITUTES ENDORSEMENT OR WHETHER THE COMMENTARY WAS SIMPLY USING READILY AVAILABLE--IF NON-OFFICIAL--STATISTICS TO PROVE A

POINT. THAT IT HAS APPEARED IN A PRC-CONTROLLED
NEWSPAPER, HOWEVER, DOES AT LEAST ADD INDIRECT SUPPORT
TO THE FIGURE.
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